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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROME

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1. ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT IN COVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY, ITALIAN SIDE WILL RAISE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:
A. THE DOMESTIC ITALIAN SCENE INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. (SEE ROME'S 8980).

B. THE MIDDLE EAST INCLUDING ITALIAN INTEREST IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

C. THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE POTENTIAL OF ITALY TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN THE CONTEXT OF ARAB-ISRAELI TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

D. EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT US-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING IN MOSCOW.

E. CSCE AND MBFR.

2. IN ADDITION, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INDICATED THAT LA MADDELENA AND DUNN-VANONI PAPERS WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE ITALIAN SIDE AS INDICATED IN REFTEL. SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NO EXPECT THAT TIME WOULD FAVOR INCLUSION OF THESE TOPICS, AND THAT THE BRIEFING PAPERS WERE BEING PREPARED
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FOR THE ITALIAN SIDE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. (THAT IS TO SAY,

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FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE FELT OBLIGED TO PREPARE THE PAPERS BUT DOES NOT EXPECT THEM TO BE USED UNLESS US SIDE RAISES THESE TOPICS.) ON A SIMILAR CONTINGENCY BASIS, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PREPARE A PAPER COVERING THE ITALIAN LOCKHEED LANCER PROJECT AND THE RELATED ITALO-TURKISH-LOCKHEED PROJECT FOR AN F-104S LINE.

3. ALL OF THE ABOVE BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT LEONE AND PRIME MINISTER RUMOR AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTER MORO. VOLPE

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